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- 25X1 1. The 1 Mountain Infantry Division at Targu Mures is reported to have a strength of 10,000 men. It is believed that another mountain infantry division (No. 2) exists, but no details of this division are known. All mountain troops wear dark green shoulder straps and collar badges. The following units belong to the 1 Mountain Infantry Division: Headquarters at Targu Mures; Reconnaissance Battalion at Targu Mures; 1 Signals Battalion at Targu Mures; 1 Mountain Artillery Battalion at Targu Mures; 2 Mountain Artillery Battalion at Gherla; 3 Mountain Antitank Artillery Battalion at Targu Mures; and 3 Mountain Infantry Battalion at Borsa. It is not known whether the artillery battalions form an artillery regiment or serve as independent units.
- 25X1 2. The 1 Mountain Artillery Battalion is located at Targu Mures and consists of four batteries of about 100 men and one company of specialists (signals, observers, cooks) of about 60 men. It is not known how many guns there are to a battery, but for training purposes each battery has three guns. They are 75 mm guns of German make and can be dismantled and carried by four horses each. The wheels are made of vulcanized rubber. The battalion has about 140 horses of which about 30 are required for officers and non-commissioned officers. The remaining 110 horses are used for transporting the battalion's guns. The battalion has a number of German 120 mm mortars.
3. The 3 Mountain Antitank Artillery Battalion is located in Targu Mures, and has a strength of approximately 500 men. It consists of four batteries and one company of specialists. One battery of antiaircraft artillery is attached to the battalion. The guns used by this battalion are short German 75 mm mountain weapons. The wheels are made of vulcanized rubber on metal hubs. The antiaircraft guns are German 20 mm Oerlikons.

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4. Two Soviet officers, a major and lieutenant colonel, visit Division Headquarters very frequently. The soldiers call them the "Russian Advisers".
5. In 1947 medical examinations were carried out by the Cercul de Recrutare (Recruiting Office). Draft notices are now sent through employers, and examinations are carried out by the Comisariatul Militar Raional (District Military Office), which consists of military and civilian physicians. There is a District Military Office in each Bucharest district.
6. There is a radio school outside Medias. The school has about a hundred trainees drawn from various units. The teaching staff consisted of the director (a lieutenant), several non-commissioned officers, and a few technicians. The syllabus comprises the construction of radio transmitters and receivers, the use of telephone exchange with 10 extensions and 6 extensions, simple repairs, signalling with lights (white only) and flags, and the use of Morse for radio communications and coded orders.

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7. About two to three kilometers outside Reghin there are large underground ammunition depots serving the whole Mures district.

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Rumania 1:100,000 sheet No. 3565 (Reghin) 5320/6955 approximately). There is also said to be an ammunition depot at Cocosul in the vicinity of Targu Mures. (Coordinates: Rumania 1:100,000 Sheet 3065 (Turda and Targu Mures) 5180/6665 approximately.)

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8. There are rifle ranges at Voiniceni and Corunca, near Targu Mures. (Coordinates: for Voiniceni: Rumania 1:100,000 Sheet No. 3065 / Turda and Targu Mures / 5170/6790 approximately, for Corunca: Rumania 1:100,000 Sheet No. 3065 / Turda and Targu Mures / 5225/6694 approximately).

9. Rumania is divided into four military regions. Area No. 2 comprises Bucharest and its surroundings, and Area No. 3 Cluj and Transylvania. The 1 Mountain Infantry Division belongs to Number 3 Area whose headquarters is located at Cluj, opposite the National Theatre. The base stores of this headquarters were at Floresti, next to a heavy artillery and tank unit. These tanks had been brought from a larger tank unit at Pitesti in August 1949.

10. The following personalities are known:

- a. Ilie Butuza, Captain, political commander.
- b. Nicolae Busuioc, Captain, officer in charge of Q Branch of Division.
- c. Toader (fnu), Lt. Colonel, officer in charge of operations.
- d. Cambrea (fnu), General, formerly of the Tudor Vladimirescu Brigade, now commander of Number 3 Area Command; has not been heard of since 1950.
- e. Vasiliu (fnu), Colonel; signs orders for the area commander.
- f. Postelnicu (fnu), former Colonel of 1 Battalion Mountain Artillery at Targu Mures.

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g. Nicolae Popescu, former Major Adjutant to Colonel Postelnicu.

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h. Aurel Leonin, Major General, former commander of 1 Mountain Division.

i. Neamtu (fmu), Lt. Colonel, former political commander.

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